



Climate Smart Kingston  
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### Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 23, 2014  
City Hall Conference Room 1  
3:00-4:30pm

Present: Julie Noble (facilitator), Michael Courtney, Emilie Hauser, Gregg Swanzey

## **Formalizing Climate Smart Kingston**

Julie discussed her meeting with the Mayor regarding the formal establishment of Climate Smart Kingston. The Mayor expressed his support of establishing Climate Smart Kingston, while creating a nexus with the Mayor's office. Julie will be drafting a resolution to the Common Council to 1) Formalize Climate Smart Kingston, with designees from relevant community organizations and also city staff, and 2) to designate the City's Environmental Educator as the City's Climate Smart Communities Coordinator. Julie will also be looking at ways to allocate staff time/funding towards this effort.

## **2014 Goals**

The Top Five Goals that had been identified as part of the Prioritization exercise were discussed, which are:

1. Reduce Energy Consumption
2. Increase Renewables
3. Reduce waste production
4. Increase waste diversion
5. Engage the public

There was discussion about having one strategy related to each goal for 2014, though also discussed was the option of choosing one primary strategy for CSK to collaboratively focus on, and with the projected built up of the CSK coalition, to delegate the other 4 strategies to CSK partners. Ideas discussed included:

1. Launch an Energy Ambassador Program and/or Address one low hanging fruit energy upgrade to City Hall or within city government
2. Plot out a rudimentary renewables feasibility map of potential sites in Kingston
3. Complete a Broad Outreach/Marketing Strategy
4. Provide support to Economic Development for the Broadway corridor /streetscape upgrades (could involve lighting, renewables, stormwater, transportation, etc)
5. Provide support to Economic Development for Sewage Treatment Plant design for energy reduction
6. Interweave environmentally sustainable and efficiency strategies and language into the Comprehensive Plan

Since the meeting was light, the next Climate Smart Kingston meeting will be devoted to diving deeper into these strategies. Prior to the next meeting, Julie will draft an outline of SMART goals for each of these potential strategies, so that at the next meeting the group can firm up what strategies to pursue this year and create actionable next steps.

## Broad Climate Smart Kingston Outreach

A major goal for 2014 will be to establish a Climate Action tracking system on the CSK website ([www.kingstoncac.org](http://www.kingstoncac.org)), to connect initiatives/policies/practices/accomplishments to each Climate Smart Pledge Element, for both data and marketing/communication purposes.

The Placemaking in a Changing Climate Workshop was discussed as a valuable event for Climate Smart Kingston participants to attend (see announcement below).

Julie mentioned that she would be tabling at the Live Well Kingston event immediately following the meeting, with Climate Smart Kingston/Climate Action information available.

Calling all creatives..... leaders....citizens.....

## Placemaking in a Changing Climate

Climate change calls on us to reinvent our communities with renewable energy, people-powered transportation, water-conserving landscapes, natural cooling technologies (like trees) and more. In the Hudson Valley, this approach is unleashing enormous creativity. Please join in a special workshop on Kingston's promise as a sustainable city, from Sustainable Hudson Valley, SUNY Ulster and the Kingston Library, in support of Kingston's Climate Action Plan. This workshop will bring people together outside the usual "silos" to advance collaboration that can directly benefit the city's neighborhoods. Help your community deal with climate change through creative neighborhood design including energy retrofits, bike amenities, green infrastructure, cool roofs and storm shelters. Learn about cutting-edge strategies such as "eco-districts."

Join with your neighbors to envision what is possible for Kingston.

March 5, 2014, 5:30 – 8 pm at the Kingston Library, 55 Franklin St., Kingston, NY

\$15 includes food and materials. CEUs for planners & architects available \$45 through SUNY Ulster.

Info: [845-384-1189](tel:845-384-1189). Register: <http://www.sustainhv.org>

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